

PROGRAM

WORKING BREAKFAST

Improving the social integration of disabled people in Middle East through accessibility: Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt

Year II: Awareness about the access of Middle Eastern countries to the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Madrid, 18th of December 2012
Shukran Restaurant, Casa Árabe

10.00 h. – 12.00 h. Working breakfast: Awareness about the access of Middle Eastern countries to the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Participants:

Eduardo López Busquets. General Director. Casa Árabe, Spain.

Raquel García Merino. Head Monitoring Service. Department of NGOs. Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development, Spain.

Ignacio Vela. Director of Programas y Proyectos Internacionales. Fundación ONCE, Spain.

Aurora Moreno. Journalist. Radio Nacional, Spain.

Mónica Bohigues. General Secretary. Foundation Social Promotion of Culture, Spain.

Georges Xanthopoulos. Director of Mobility, Accessibility and Employment programs. Arcenciel, Lebanon.

Annie Medzhagopian Abu Hanna. Executive Director. Al Hussein Society for the Habilitation/Rehabilitation of the Physically Challenged, Jordan.

Muhammad Jarrar. Al Hussein Society for the Habilitation/Rehabilitation of the Physically Challenged, Jordan.

Ibrahim Makram. Director of Development Sector. Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services, Egypt.

Macarena Cotelo Suils. Director of Projects and Cooperation. Foundation Social Promotion of Culture, Spain.

Enric Roig. Coordinator of projects Lebanon, Syria, Jordan y Egypt. Foundation Social Promotion of Culture, Spain.

José Luis Zatarain. Director of the Department de Communication. Foundation Social Promotion of Culture, Spain.

Moderator:

Jumana Trad. Member of the executive committee of CEMOFPSC. President of the Network of Euro-Arab Organizations for Development and Integration, Spain.

Rapporteurs:

Marco Rotunno. Head of mission, Amman. Foundation Social Promotion of Culture, Spain.

Carmen Seoane. Department of projects. Foundation Social Promotion of Culture, Spain.

Blanca de Mesa. Director Department of Institutional Relations. Foundation Social Promotion of Culture, Spain.

Structure of the working breakfast:

The working breakfast consists of an informal exchange of information by experts and specialists. The duration of the interventions should not exceed 7 minutes and will be followed by a debate among the participants.

Therefore, it is an exchange between people sharing common interests to discuss the issue of the future of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

The session aims to deepen into the complexity of implementing legislation, especially in the Arab world, in the field of universal accessibility to remove barriers that PwDs experienced. A case of good practice will be presented: The development and implementation of the decree defining the application standards on accessibility in Lebanon. Its extension to other neighboring countries will also be discussed.

A moderator will be responsible for chairing the debate, and at the end of the encounter together with all the participants will roughly summarize the most representative ideas and draw the final conclusions and recommendations which will be uploaded onto the website (www.cemofpsc.org) in both Spanish and English.

Experts are expected to have an active participation, being able to submit a paper for its publication.

Date: The round table will take place in Madrid, on December 18th, 2012 at the restaurant Shukran of *Casa Árabe* (c/ Alcalá, 62).

The session will be conducted in **English and Spanish.**